

JOINT DECLARATION
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND
CONCERNING STRENGTHENING CO-OPERATION ON LOW
CARBON POLICIES

Minister Gregory Barker of the Department of Energy and Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as DECC) of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland visited Washington State in the United States of America and called on the Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington, on 19 September 2013.

During the meeting, both sides EXCHANGED ideas on the shared challenge of tackling climate change and advancing low carbon development, and APPROVED a wide range of common understandings.

THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE:

REALISED the importance of tackling climate change in the context of sustainable development and economic growth, the important role of Washington as a leader on low-carbon policies in the U.S., and of the potential for ENHANCING co-operation in tackling climate change and low-carbon development.

DECIDED to deepen co-operation, knowledge and best-practice sharing in the following areas to achieve the common goal of assisting each other in low-carbon development:

1. Market-based mechanisms to reduce carbon emissions, including lessons learned by the United Kingdom as a result of its experience as a participant in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme, including how cap and trade fits with other mechanisms to reduce emissions, market regulations, and technical considerations around linking markets.
2. Clean technology investment to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy and advance clean technology innovation, development, and

deployment, through public funds and leveraged private investment.

3. Enhancing building energy efficiency and public awareness of potential savings, as well as technical policy tools (appliance standards; on-bill financing; net-zero buildings; building code; point-of-sale disclosure) to incentivize this.
4. Clean transportation fuels and policies that help reduce overall carbon intensity of fuel mix.
5. Climate risks in insurance policies and climate resilient infrastructure.
6. Developing advanced energy storage.

DECIDED to appoint staff members from the State of Washington and the Department of Energy and Climate Change of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with support from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to implement this Joint Declaration by means of regular discussion. These discussions will take place over the time period September 2013 – March 2014, with the intention of evaluating progress made and the benefits of continued coordination by April 30 2014.

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